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19 October 1949

Major General C. A. Willoughby, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear General Willoughby:

25X1 Thank you very much for your letter of 6 October 1949 which just arrived. I wish to inform you that I am as much disturbed as you are about the visit of [redacted] into the Far East Command. [redacted] was working for an organization over which, although nominally attached to the Central Intelligence Agency, we have no jurisdiction and no control. The function of this special branch is in the field of black propaganda, and it is directed jointly by the Department of Defense and the Department of State, of which control the Department of State, I should say, has about a 90% share. This organization was set up by a resolution of the National Security Council and was placed under the Central Intelligence Agency for logistic support only. I cannot give them instructions as to what they should or should not do, nor can I tell them where they may or may not go.

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In this particular case, I, myself, knew nothing about the visit of [redacted] to your command until a message was received from our man in your theater regarding his visit. I regret, perhaps even more than you do, that such uncoordinated visits are allowed to happen. We have a proposal now before the National Security Council that the functions of this organization either be completely integrated into the Central Intelligence Agency or that the organization be withdrawn completely from the Agency. If the first of these proposals is accepted, then the Agency will have control over such visits, and I can assure you that that control will be exercised in order that no free-wheeling visits occur.

Your statement, "I have been informed reliably that he was actually a CIA operator possibly on a State Department mission," is in error as [redacted] is not and never has been connected with CIA except through this organization mentioned above over which we have no control.

When a change comes in this organization, I shall let you know, and meantime you may be assured that you will be informed whenever any CIA people come into your theater.

With best wishes, please believe me.

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched thru ADSO 10/19/49

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN

Director of Central Intelligence

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